

FROM THE NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER.

- 1. SUBJECT: INDEX CAMERA, KH-4 SYSTEM.
- 2. SO-206 FILM IS CURRENTLY USED IN THE INDEX CAMERA. THIS IS A FIWE GRAIN FILM WITH A RESOLUTION CAPABILITY OF 110 1/mm at 1.6:1 contrast. Under the variable light conditions experienced on a mission, the processing characteristics of this film results in about 25 per cent of the frames being degraded to some extent because of reduced contrast and either high or low density.
- 3. It is possible to use so-130 film in the index camera. This emulsion is more grains with a resolution capability of 65 1/mm at 1.6:1 contrast. The considerably greater processing latitude of so-130 film would reduce the percent of degraded frames to less than 10 percent.
- 4. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS BY COB 19 APRIL ON USE OF SO-130 VS SO-206 FILM
 IN THE INDEX CAMERA FOR FUTURE MISSIONS, CONSIDERING THE MORE UNIFORM IMAGRY
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